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**MEMORANDUM FOR:** Director, National Reconnaissance Office  
**SUBJECT:** U-2 Photographic Reconnaissance of the Paracel Islands

1. The attached memorandum contains a proposal for an IDEALIST TACKLE mission to obtain oblique coverage of the Paracel Island group. While missions in this area have been flown under TACKLE approvals in the past, it is felt that due to the significant change in the Peoples Republic of China force levels on these islands since the last mission, specific approval by the 40 Committee would be desirable.

2. After your approval by signature on the attached memorandum, copies will be prepared as appropriate for distribution to members of the 40 Committee.

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CARL E. DUCKETT  
Director, CIA Reconnaissance Programs

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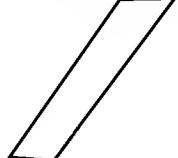
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